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LETTER DATED 31 DECEMBER 1997 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola, which was adopted by the Committee under the no-objection procedure on 31 December 1997, and is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

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pursuant to resolution 864 (1993)
concerning the situation in Angola

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present annual report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 1997.

II. SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

2. At its 11th meeting, held on 6 January 1997, the Committee elected its bureau for 1997, which consisted of Ambassador Nabil Elaraby (Egypt) as Chairman, with the delegations of Costa Rica and Japan providing the two Vice-Chairmen. The Committee held two meetings in 1997.

3. In its resolution 1127 (1997) of 28 August 1997, the Security Council, acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, decided to impose additional measures against the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA), such as restrictions on the travel of senior members of UNITA and adult members of their immediate families, the closing of UNITA offices, the prohibition of flights of aircraft by or for UNITA, the supply of any aircraft or aircraft components to UNITA and the insurance, engineering and servicing of UNITA aircraft.

4. In paragraph 11 of the same resolution, the Security Council mandated the Committee to undertake the following additional tasks:

(a) To draw up guidelines expeditiously for the implementation of paragraph 4 of resolution 1127 (1997), including the designation of officials and of adult members of their immediate families whose entry or transit was to be prevented and whose travel documents, visas or residence permits were to be suspended or cancelled in accordance with paragraphs 4 (a) and 4 (b) of the resolution;

(b) To give favourable consideration to, and decide upon, requests for the exceptions set out in paragraph 5 of resolution 1127 (1997);

(c) To report to the Council by 15 November 1997 regarding the actions taken by States to implement the measures set out in paragraph 4 of resolution 1127 (1997).

5. The foregoing measures imposed against UNITA do not apply to cases of medical emergency or to flights of aircraft carrying food, medicine or supplies for essential humanitarian needs. In accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 1127 (1997), the Committee is authorized to approve such requests on a case-by-case basis.

6. At its 12th meeting, held on 17 September 1997, the Committee met to consider the draft of the new consolidated guidelines for the conduct of its work which included the aforementioned additional tasks mandated to the Committee under paragraph 11 of resolution 1127 (1997). In accordance with a decision taken at that meeting the draft guidelines were subsequently considered at an informal meeting of the Committee held on 22 September 1997.

7. By paragraph 2 of resolution 1130 (1997) of 29 September 1997, the Security Council decided to postpone the imposition of the measures specified in paragraph 4 of resolution 1127 (1997). By paragraph 3 of the resolution the Security Council reaffirmed its readiness to review the imposition of the measures referred to in paragraph 2 and to consider the imposition of additional measures in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 1127 (1997).

8. Pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1135 (1997) of 29 October 1997, the provisions set forth in paragraph 4 of resolution 1127 (1997) came into force on 30 October 1997 and the Security Council reaffirmed its readiness to review the measures or to consider the imposition of additional measures in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 1127 (1997).

9. On 31 October 1997, the Committee adopted, under the no-objection procedure, the new consolidated guidelines for the conduct of its work which were transmitted by a note verbale on 4 November 1997 to all States and international organizations/specialized agencies for their information and use as necessary.

10. By a note verbale of 19 December 1997, the Committee transmitted to all States and international organizations/specialized agencies, for their information and use as necessary, a list of senior officials of UNITA (annex III of the new consolidated guidelines) whose entry or transit is to be prevented by all States, and whose travel documents, visas or residence permits are to be suspended or cancelled in accordance with paragraphs 4 (a) and 4 (b) of resolution 1127 (1997). A press release (SC/6457) on this subject was also issued. The aforementioned list will be updated by the Committee on a regular basis and any additions or deletions will be transmitted to all States and international organizations/specialized agencies as addenda to annex III. In this connection, the Committee is currently considering information provided to it on senior officials of UNITA and adult members of their immediate families which will be issued as future addenda to annex III. The Committee is also in the process of compiling a list of aircraft registered in Angola (annex IV of the new consolidated guidelines).

11. In accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution 1135 (1997) Member States are required to provide to the Committee information on the measures they have adopted to implement the provisions of paragraph 4 of resolution 1127 (1997) no later than 1 December 1997, and, under paragraph 9 of the resolution the Committee is required to report to the Council by 15 December 1997 regarding the action taken by Member States to implement these measures. In this connection a note verbale dated 4 November 1997 was sent by the Chairman of the Committee to Member States requesting the information. As of 31 December 1997 replies

received from 29 States were issued as documents of the Committee and are listed in the report of the Committee to the Security Council (S/1997/977) and its addendum (S/1997/977/Add.1).